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Security Council

9.30 a.m. 5079th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Timor-Leste

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (S/2004/888)

General Assembly

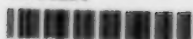
Fifty-ninth session

10 a.m. 54th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

3 p.m. 55th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Oceans and the law of the sea [49 (a) and (b)]: *joint debate*

- (a) Oceans and the law of the sea
 - (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/59/62, A/59/62/Add.1, A/59/63 and A/59/126)
 - (ii) Report of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its fifth meeting (A/59/122)
 - (iii) Draft resolution (A/59/L.22)
- (b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments
 - (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/59/298)
 - (ii) Draft resolution (A/59/L.23)



Main Committees

Second Committee

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. 33rd meeting Conference Room 2
- Eradication of poverty and other development issues (A/59/115, A/59/155-E/2004/96 and A/59/158) [89]
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- (b) Women in development (A/59/287)
- (c) Industrial development cooperation (A/59/138)
- Conclusion of general discussion*
- 3–6 p.m. 34th meeting Conference Room 2
1. Sustainable development. [85]
- (b) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
- Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/59/L.17 and A/C.2/59/L.34*
2. Information and communication technologies for development (A/59/563, A/59/80-E/2004/61, A/59/80/Corr.1-E/2004/61/Corr.1, A/59/207 and A/C.2/59/3) . [44]
3. Training and research [92]
- (a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/59/14 (Supplement No. 14) and A/59/230)
- (b) United Nations University (A/59/31 (Supplement No. 31) and A/59/566)
- Introduction and general discussion*

Third Committee

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. 44th meeting Conference Room 1
- 3–6 p.m. 45th meeting Conference Room 1
1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [93]
- Action on draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.16*
2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: social development, including questions, relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (A/59/176) [94 (a)]
3. Crime prevention and criminal justice [96]
- Draft proposal A/C.3/59/L.20*
4. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [105 (a)]
- Action on draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.31 (programme budget implications: A/C.3/59/L.63)*

5. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [105 (b)]
*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.61**
6. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representative [105 (c)]
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7. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [103]
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8. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [103 (a)]
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.67
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Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.68
10. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [105 (b)]
Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/59/L.38, A/C.3/59/L.41, A/C.3/59/L.43, A/C.3/59/L.44, A/C.3/59/L.47, A/C.3/59/L.51, A/C.3/59/L.64/Rev.1, A/C.3/59/L.65 and A/C.3/59/L.66
11. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [105 (c)]
*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.55**

Fifth Committee

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5
Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (United Nations common system (A/59/30 Vols. I and II, A/59/153, A/59/399, A/59/429 and A/59/522))
- 3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5
Informal consultations on agenda items 108 (Programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005: Capital master plan (A/59/441, A/58/556, A/58/712, A/58/729, A/58/779, A/59/161, A/59/420 and A/59/556)); and 112 (Pattern of conferences (A/59/32, A/59/159, A/59/159/Add.1, A/59/172, A/59/418, A/59/133, A/59/133/Corr.1, A/58/435, A/58/435/Add.1 and A/58/620))

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

- 10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10
International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Second Committee

Informal "informals"

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), on the draft resolution on agenda item 87 (c) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin), will be held *today*, 16 November 2004, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Paul Lolo (Nigeria), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (e) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa), will be held *today*, 16 November 2004, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Félix Mbayu (Cameroon), on the draft resolution on agenda item 84 (Follow up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development), will be held *today*, 16 November 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Claudio Rojas (Chile), on the draft resolution on agenda item 87 (Globalization and interdependence), will be held *today*, 16 November 2004, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Ulrika Cronenberg-Mossberg (Sweden), on the draft resolution on agenda item 87 (b) (International migration and development), will be held *today*, 16 November 2004, 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (d) (Commodities), will be held *today*, 16 November 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

Informal "informals", convened by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine on the draft resolution on agenda item 87 (e) (Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy), will be held *today*, 16 November 2004, from 1.15 to 2:45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Olivier Chave (Switzerland) on the draft resolution on agenda item 90 (b) (Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system), will be held *today*, 16 November 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Gabriel Cremades (Spain), on the draft resolution on freshwater (under agenda item 85), will be held *today*, 16 November 2004, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Ulrika Cronenberg-Mossberg (Sweden), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (Sustainable development), will be held *today*, 16 November 2004, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

[Background information on agenda items 44 (Information and communication technologies for development) and 92 (b) (United Nations University) is available at www.un.org/esa/documents/ac2.htm.]

Third Committee Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations, convened by the Vice-President of the Third Committee, Ms. Astanah Banu Shri Abdul Aziz (Malaysia) to negotiate the Chairman's text relating to the issue of the revitalization of the work of the Committee on *today*, 16 November 2004, from 2 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 16 November 2004

JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee)

9-9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee)

9-9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Group of 77 (draft resolution on training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR); draft resolution on eradication of poverty and other development issues: industrial development cooperation; and draft resolution on eradication of poverty and other development issues: achieving coherence of development goals with conflict prevention and peace-building measures)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Group of 77 (draft resolution on macroeconomic policy questions: international trade and development)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (coordinating meeting on sustainable development)

1-3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Group of 77 (draft resolution on the follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development; and all outstanding issues before the Second Committee)

1.15-2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Group of 77 (Fifth Committee matters)

1.15-2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Group of 77 (draft resolution on globalization and interdependence: preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin; draft resolution on eradication of poverty and other development issues; implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006); and draft resolution on poverty and microcredit)

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution on Human rights and extreme poverty (organized by the Permanent Mission of Peru)

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution on trafficking in women and girls (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines)

1.15-2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal consultations on a draft resolution of the Third Committee on the Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination (organized by the Permanent Mission of Pakistan)

1.15-2.15 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution on a New International Humanitarian Order (organized by the Permanent Mission of Jordan)

1.15-2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution entitled "World Programme for Human Rights Education" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Australia)

1.30-2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Arab Group (ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.45–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

African Group (Sixth Committee experts)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Council of Former Presidents of the General Assembly

The Council of Former Presidents of the General Assembly will meet *today*, 16 November 2004, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 16 November 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/pressg/conf.htm.

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Room S-226

- 11.15 a.m. Ms. Henriette Keijzers, Deputy Executive Secretary and Officer-in-Charge of the United Nations Capital Development Fund; international singers Anggun and Sound Massi, Emissaries for the International Year of Microcredit 2005; and singer Karina (on the involvement of the stars in the International Year of Microcredit)
- 12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings**General Assembly**

Fifty-ninth session

Main Committees**Second Committee***List of speakers*

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (tel. 1 (212) 963-8429; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail olvida@un.org)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Nikhil Seth, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee*Informal consultations*

There will be informal consultations, convened by the Vice-Chairperson of the Third Committee, Ms. Mavis Kusorgbor (Ghana), on the issue of the criteria for the invitation of Special Rapporteurs, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. on Wednesday, 17 November 2004 in Conference Room E, and on Friday, 19 November 2004 in Conference Room B.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 17 November 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

Sixth Committee

The Sixth Committee will hold its 26th meeting on Wednesday, 17 November 2004, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, and its 27th meeting on Friday, 19 November 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all remaining items allocated to the Sixth Committee is open (A/C.6/59/L.1). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Nena Villena-Tanedo (tel. 1 (212) 963-5375; fax 1 (212) 963-1963; e-mail villena-tanedo@un.org)).

General Assembly**Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights
of the Palestinian People**

The 282nd meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Friday, 19 November 2004, at 10.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Security Council

United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission

College of Commissioners

Seventeenth session

The seventeenth session of the College of Commissioners of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC), established under Security Council resolution 1284 (1999) of 17 December 1999, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 17 and 18 November 2004, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Other forthcoming meetings

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JUSCANZ Group (on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review (TCPR))

There will be a closed meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review (TCPR)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada, on Wednesday, 17 November 2004, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 39) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, in its capacity of the presidency of the European Union)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel (under agenda item 39), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, in its capacity of the presidency of the European Union on Wednesday, 17 November 2004, and on Friday, 19 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. For further questions, please contact Mr. Dirk-Jan Nieuwenhuis (e-mail dj.nieuwenhuis@minbuza.nl).

Seminar on "The relevance of population aspects for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals" (organized by the Population Division, DESA)

There will be a seminar on "The relevance of population aspects for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals", organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, from 17 to 19 November 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C. Members of Permanent Missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Joseph Chamie, Director, Population Division (tel. 1 (212) 963-3179).

Special presentation in connection with the work of the General Assembly under agenda item 35 (Culture of peace) (organized by the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, DESA)

In connection with the work of the General Assembly under agenda item 35, there will be a special presentation by Professor Talât Halman, Chairman of the Department of Turkish Literature, Bilkent University (Ankara) and former Minister of Culture of Turkey, on "Culture of peace". The event, organized by the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Wednesday, 17 November 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat Staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Marc-André Dorel, Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-7204; e-mail dorel@un.org).

UNIFEM event on the theme "Building partnerships to end violence against women"

There will be a special event on the theme "Building partnerships to end violence against women", sponsored by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, on Wednesday, 17 November 2004, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information: e-mail unifem.events@undp.org.

Open-ended informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution on the "Rights of the child" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina and Brazil)

Open-ended informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution on the "Rights of the child", organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina and Brazil, will be held on Wednesday, 17 November 2004, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations of co-sponsors on a Third Committee draft resolution entitled "The right to development" (under agenda item 105 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Malaysia)

There will be informal consultations of co-sponsors on a Third Committee draft resolution entitled "The right to development" (under agenda item 105 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Malaysia) on Thursday, 18 November 2004, from 1.15 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Eastern European Group (Fifth Committee matters)

There will be a meeting of the Eastern European Group (on Fifth Committee matters) on Thursday, 18 November 2004 from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 39 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

There will be informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency

humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 39 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, on Thursday, 18 November 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

African Group (*experts of the Third Committee*)

There will be a meeting of the African Group (*on the Third Committee*) on Thursday, 18 November 2004, from 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Briefing on the Sixth Global Forum on Reinventing Government (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea, in cooperation with the Division for Public Administration and Development Management, DESA)

There will be a briefing on the upcoming Sixth Global Forum on Reinventing Government (Seoul, 24-25 May 2005), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea, in cooperation with the Division for Public Administration and Development Management, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 18 November 2004, from 2 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Seok-hee Kang (tel. 1 (212) 439-4090; or e-mail shkang93@mofat.go.kr).

UNITAR workshop series on policy awareness and training in information technology

As part of the series on policy awareness and training in information technology, the third high-level seminar of this year on "Policy awareness and security issues in information technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 19 November 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The seminar is part of the third annual series, presented under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation. For further information please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

UNITAR workshops on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation jointly organize the 2004 Series entitled "Policy awareness and training in information technology" under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which will be repeated four times throughout the year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. The fifth module, conceived as an interactive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology. Cycle IV of the 2004 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held until Friday, 19 November 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Briefings by the Peacekeeping Best Practices Unit, Department of Peacekeeping Operations

There will be two briefings, organized by the Peacekeeping Best Practices Unit of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, as indicated below. Members of all Permanent Missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Michael Mesina (e-mail mesina@un.org).

Monday, 22 November 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber: briefing to the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on the overview of its recent studies and introduction of the newly launched Gender Resource Package for Peacekeeping Operations; and

Tuesday, 23 November, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber: briefing by the Criminal Law and Judicial Advisory Unit (CLJAU) of the Peacekeeping Best Practices Unit, to the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations.

UNITAR workshop on international trade

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the World Trade Organization (WTO), is organizing a workshop on international trade. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York on Monday, 22 November, and on Tuesday, 23 November 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. The workshop is intended primarily for members of Permanent Missions in New York. A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 19 November 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The briefing is intended primarily for representatives of those States that will be members of the Council in 2005. Depending on the availability of seats, delegates from other States may attend as observers. The briefing will be held on the following dates: Monday, 29 November 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 30 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 1 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, 2 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all States that will be members of the Security Council in 2005. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 24 November 2004. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements**Security Council****Recorded information**

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Background information on a report of the Secretary-General

The report of the Secretary-General on the modalities, format and organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/59/545 and can also be found on the United Nations Web site (www.un.org/SG).

Preparations for the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (28 February-11 March 2005), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Addressing the linkages between the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration: progress, gaps and challenges; and (b) Future perspectives on the promotion of gender equality: through the eyes of young women and men. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylor@un.org and/or proppe@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463; room DC2-1268 or room DC2-1262), no later than 19 November 2004, indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated.

2004 Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World

Delegations are kindly informed that the list of speakers at the high-level segment on Thursday and Friday, 2 and 3 December 2004, at the First Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction is now open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Executive Secretariat at the Geneva Branch of the Department for Disarmament Affairs (tel. +41 (0) 22-917-5281 or 22-917-2281). Delegations are kindly asked to indicate the level of the representative as well as the preferred time-block for delivering their statement (i.e. 2 December, morning session, 2 December, afternoon session, or 3 December, morning session). Delegations are reminded that the allotted time for statements is 6 minutes.

Electronic notice boards for meetings

Electronic notice boards for meetings were recently installed in the General Assembly Lobby and at the garden level adjacent to the Cafe Austria to display updated information on scheduled meetings taking place at Headquarters. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management would welcome feedback comments on the screens, which can be sent by logging on to <http://emeets.un.org> and using the feedback form, so that further adjustments can be made as necessary. The Department would also welcome comments sent to the same e-mail address on the terminology used, the quality of language services and improvement of other services provided to Member States.

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, in his capacity as the Secretary-General of the Mauritius International Meeting, announces that in accordance with draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.27 adopted by the Second Committee and General Assembly resolutions 58/213 A and B (A/RES/58/213), the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados+10) will take place from 10 to 14 January 2005 in Mauritius. The high-level segment will be held on 13 and 14 January 2005. Two days of informal consultations will be held in Mauritius, on 8 and 9 January 2005, to facilitate effective preparations for the Meeting.

Summary of meetings**Monday, 15 November 2004****Security Council**

5076th meeting

*The situation in Timor-Leste**Progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (S/2004/888)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, Singapore, Thailand and Timor-Leste, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Sukehiro Hasegawa, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Timor-Leste and Head of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor.

The Council began its consideration of the item, and heard a briefing by Mr. Hasegawa. Statements were then made by the representatives of Brazil, Chile, the United Kingdom, Algeria, China, Benin, France, Germany, Angola, Pakistan, the Philippines, Romania, the Russian Federation and Spain, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the United States.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Timor-Leste, Indonesia, Singapore, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Portugal, Malaysia, Thailand, and the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro; and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement).

Mr. Hasegawa responded to comments and questions posed by speakers.

5077th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Terje Roed-Larsen, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Roed-Larsen.

5078th meeting

The situation in Côte d'Ivoire

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Côte d'Ivoire, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2004/892 submitted by Chile, France, Germany, Romania, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2004/892) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2004/892) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1572 (2004).

Following the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China, France and Angola.

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

53rd plenary meeting

Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the ninth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/59/183) [50]; Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the eleventh annual report of the International Tribunal (A/59/215) [51]: joint debate

The General Assembly took note of the ninth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

The General Assembly took note of the eleventh annual report of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

Statements were made by Judge Erik Møse, President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda; and Judge Theodor Meron, President of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Romania and Turkey), Croatia, Malaysia, Japan and the Republic of Korea, as well as by H.E. Mr. Zoran Loncar, Minister of Public Administration and Local Self-Government of the Republic of Serbia and a member of the National Council for Cooperation with the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, and by the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Norway, the United States, Nigeria, the United Republic of Tanzania, Rwanda and Uganda.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda items 50 and 51.

Main Committees

Second Committee

32nd meeting

The summary of the 32nd meeting of the Second Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2004/222).

Third Committee

43rd meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [103 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.69

The representative of Belgium introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Argentina, the Dominican Republic, Japan and New Zealand.

Armenia, Burkina Faso, Chile, Guatemala, the Republic of Korea, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa and Turkey also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Right of peoples to self-determination [104]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.70

The representative of Egypt introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Guinea-Bissau, Nigeria and Zimbabwe also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms. [105 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.42

The representative of Azerbaijan introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Canada, Egypt, Ethiopia, Germany, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Nicaragua, Peru, Switzerland, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Fifth Committee

24th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [108]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services introduced, on behalf of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, the following reports of the Secretary-General on the Capital master plan (A/59/441, A/58/556, A/58/712 and A/58/779).

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report of that Office (A/59/420).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/59/556).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement), New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand), the United States, China, Cuba, Japan and Venezuela.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Tuesday, 16 November, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Najib Elji (Syrian Arab Republic), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Corrigendum**General Assembly**

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Third Committee

Corrigendum to the summary of the 42nd meeting of the Third Committee (see Journal No. 2004/220, p. 20): the second paragraph under Action on draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.52 should read as follows:

The representative of the Russian Federation announced that the Sudan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Sri Lanka and Togo also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Monday, 15 November 2004

Economic and Social Council**Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**

Thirty-third session

United Nations Office at Geneva

38th–39th meetings *Consideration of reports* [6]

(a) *Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

(b) *Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant*

The Committee began its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Italy (E/C.12/4/Add.13). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.**[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]**

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Accession: United Republic of Tanzania (11 November 2004)¹

Signature: India (15 November 2004)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: India (15 November 2004)

Terms of Reference of the International Copper Study Group. Geneva, 24 February 1989

Definitive acceptance: Japan (15 November 2004)¹

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Ratification: Argentina (15 November 2004)¹

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements**Symposium on "Diabetes in Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa"**

There will be a symposium on "Diabetes in Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa" on the occasion of World Diabetes Day, co-sponsored by the Global Alliance for Women's Health (GAWH), the Pan American Health Organization, Regional Office of the World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), and the Permanent Missions of the Bahamas, Barbados, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, El Salvador, Fiji, Grenada, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Panama, Singapore, Timor-Leste and Trinidad and Tobago. The symposium will be held *today*, 16 November 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat Staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the office of Global Alliance for Women's Health (tel. 1 (212) 286-0424; e-mail contactus@gawh.org).

Information fair on the World Summit on the Information Society

There will be an information fair on the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society outside Conference Rooms 2 and 3, *today*, 16 November, and *tomorrow*, 17 November 2004. The event, organized by the Permanent Mission of Tunisia, will coincide with the discussion in the Second Committee on preparations for the World Summit, to be held in Tunis from 16 to 18 November 2005. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat Staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Jalel Snoussi, Permanent Mission of Tunisia, (tel. 1 (212) 751-7503; or e-mail jalelsnoussi@yahoo.com).

Panel discussion on "Carbon emission reduction: A new commodity – The impact of Carbon finance and trading on sustainable development" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be a panel discussion on "Carbon emission reduction: A new commodity – The impact of Carbon finance and trading on sustainable development", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Wednesday, 17 November 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. at the West Terrace (4th floor of the United Nations Building). Members of Permanent Missions and Permanent Observers, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Claudia Beretta (e-mail claudia.beretta@italyun.net) or Ms. Laura Canuto (e-mail laura.canuto@italyun.net) (tel. 1 (646) 840-5322).

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Women, violence and HIV/AIDS" (in observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women). The briefing will be held on Thursday, 18 November 2004, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Susanne Tinkl, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-7949, e-mail tinkl@un.org).

Launch of the International Year of Microcredit 2005 (18 November)

The International Year of Microcredit 2005 will be officially launched on Thursday, 18 November 2004. The opening ceremony will take place from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The documentary "Small Fortunes, Microcredit and the Future of Poverty" will be screened from 12 noon to 12.45 p.m. in the same room. High-level panels will also take place from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information on the programme, please contact the office of UNCDF (tel. 1 (212) 906-6229; Web site www.yearofmicrocredit.org).

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